"You can't be always sunny
If there isn't any sun;
You can't be always funny
If there isn't any fun.
But you can be always happy
If you let the clouds go by
In the faith there's always somewhere
Little patches of blue sky."

An Irishman coming out of ether in the ward after an operation, exclaimed audibly: "Thank God! That is over!" "Don't be too sure," said the man in the next bed, "they left a sponge in me and had to cut me open again." And the patient on the other side said, "Why they had to open me, too, to find one of their instruments." Just then the surgeon, Brother M. A. Houser, who had operated on the Irishman stuck his head in the door and yelled, "Has anybody seen my hat?" Pat fainted.

"What would your mother say, little boy," demanded the passerby virtuously, "if she could hear you swear like that?"

"She'd be tickled to death if she could hear it," answered the bad little boy, "she stone deaf."

Do you know where the little boys go who don't put their Sunday school money in the plate?"

"Yes'm; to the movies."

A knocker never wins;
A Winner never knocks;
A knocker is too busy to win;
A Winner is too busy to knock.

"It was a dreadful moment," said Dentist Noble Hixson. "I was bathing quietly when the great cavernous jaws of the shark opened before me."

"What did you do?" asked one of the ladies.

"I took my forceps out of the pocket of my bathing suit and pulled his teeth before he had a chance to seize me. It was the quickest and neatest work I ever did."

Grace, five years old, and Arthur, seven, were visiting with their aunt. She was hearing the children's prayers before tucking them in bed.

"Now, Grace, say your prayer," auntie said.

"I don't pray," she replied.

"You don't!"

"No I sleep with daddy."

Practice saying this: 'Shrewd Simon Shorts a successful Shriner sewed shoes. Seventeen succeeding summer's speeding storms, successive sunshine saw Simon Short's small sign still swinging; specifying Shorts, Smithville's sole surviving shoemaker." It might come handy to prove certain things to your suspicious wife.

Tourist (in village notion store): "Whah'dya got in the shape of automobile tires?"

Saleslady—"Funeral wreaths, life preservers, invalid cushions and doughnuts."

Alexander Greenleaf Jackson, a pillar of the colored church, was entertaining at dinner the pastor and some prominent members. After grace Alexander began to carve the chicken, and the pastor waxed facetious.

"Brudden Jackson," he asked smilingly, "do de white folks around you keep chickens?"

Alexander pried loose the second wing. "No, sah," he responded, "dey does not, but dey suttinly tries hahd enuff to."

An old negro mammy went to the office of the superintendent of the poor and said: "Mistah Cook, we's mighty poor this wintah, and ah wish you would ask the Guv'nah to pahdon mah old man. He's a polumtician, same as you is, and he's in the pen'tentry."

"What was he put in for?"

"Stead of workin' fo' it that goodfo' nothin' nigger done stole some bacon."

"If he is good for nothing what do you want him back for?"

"Well, yo' see, we's all out of bacon ag'in," said the old negress innocently.

Rastus (at the negro dance)—"Mandy, is yoah programme full?"

Mandy—"Lawdy, no, Mr. Applewhite, it takes mo' dan two sandwiches an' a cup of tea to fill ma programme."

WANTED.

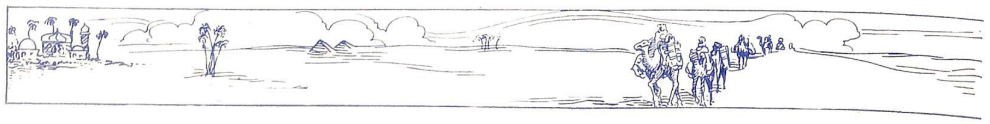
We can use a girl in this office. Must be able to talk Arabic, French, Oklahomian, Golf, Baseball, some English and capable of doing a little typewriting.

WANTED.

By Noble Percy Ellington, a summer's job for a blacksmith in his Restaurant—to shoe flies.

Teacher—Give me a definition of nothing.

Tommy—A bung-hole without any barrel around it!



The old, old words, yet ever new, the old, old wish we send to you,
Tro, ways may part—tho' miles divide, God bless you, Nobles, this Eastertide.

"As we journey through life, let us live by the way"

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Which Our High Priest and Prophet Reveals to Mean Sunday, Apr. 1st, 1917

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN—OUR NEW TEMPLE.

Toot, toot, look sharp and clear the track for the "Big New Temple Special." Prosperity is coming fast on the wheels of Time. No longer are we going to play the tank stations and one-night stands; we are out for a big run. Nothing can stop us, for we'll make our enthusiasm catching. The upward pressure of sound fundamental conditions cannot long be resisted and already a feeling of pepper, ginger and life is spreading throughout the Temple. Over-conservatism and timidity are as likely to prove as costly as recklessness. Prosperity for our New Temple is contagious, we are going out and catch it. We don't let old Doctor Gloom vaccinate us with the virus of depression, but we are taking a big dose of enthusiasm and are trying to put this Temple of ours uup among the best. "Some job," you exude. Not if we can keep everlastingly at it and keep it up to date. How are we going to get the money? Easy. Each one of you are going to assist. We have nearly 1,800 members, and e ch one can give something. Several Nobles have pledged themselves for $10,000 each; others $5,000; a number for $1,000, and so on down to $100.

Plans are now being prepared for a Temple to cost about $250,000. We have a fine lot 100x140 feet fully paid for at the southwest corner of Seventh and Boston. Some four months ago the Akdar Temple Association sold the 100 feet located on Main street, near Ninth, for $12,000. (This lot was purchased a few years ago for $6,000.) Our present location cost $15,000—last week we refused $30,000 for it. We expect all that are able to donate—not those that cannot do so. There is no obligation to contribute—but all members will be called upon and we know that all Akdarians will contribute to the extent of their ability! You will hear more of this project. Can't we succeed? Why sure! There is no such word as "fale." "ACT FOR AKDAR! "

OUR JOINT CEREMONIAL—205 NOVICES CREATED NOBLES.

Although the weather was not what our High Priest and Prophet would have prayed for had he known what was in store for the Nobles of Tulsa March 2nd in the reception of the thousands of out-of-town Shriners who came to attend the state's most important Ceremonial, the haze of rain and chilly winds were unable to dampen or disturb the spirits of the wearers of the fez and the gala affair was as successful as if the sun had done its best to dry the sands beneath the feet of the weary Nobles and Novices.

The ceremonial was participated in by members of the Temples of Tulsa, Muskogee, Oklahoma City and others, and was the largest, in matter of attendance and importance that the state has ever witnessed.

Late trains and weather conditions made it necessary to deviate from the announced program on entertainment. The parade, which was to have passed through the principal streets, was not held in full, and the bands from the three Temples only paraded the streets with the patrols and company C, O. N. G., from the Shrine Hall to Hotel Tulsa.

A short business session of the three Temples was held at 1 o'clock, after which they adjourned to Convention Hall, where the ceremonial was held and where 205 Novices crossed the burning sands. Among the celebrities of Shrinedom who were present were the following :

IMPERIAL PARTY—Henry F. Neidringhaus. St. Louis, Imperial Potentate A. A. O.; Charles E. Overshier, Minneapolis, Deputy Imperial Potentate; J. C. Berger, Denver, Colo., Imperial Outer Guard; Jack Jones, Oklahoma City, Imperial Ceremonial Master.

IMPERIAL ESCORT—William M. Porteous, Past Jotentate; George T. Matthews, Past Potentate; E. S. Steininger, Past Potentate, and J. W. Alcorn, Potentate, all of Moolah Temple, St. Louis.

F. A. Bannister and E. Lasar of Moolah Temple, St. Louis; L. E. Walton, Potentate Abou Ben Adhem, Springfield, Mo.; Carl G. Clark, Assistant Rabban Abou Ben Adhem, Springfield, Mo.; L. C. Nichols, Second Ceremonial Master El Riad, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Charles Symms, Past Potentate El Riad Temple, Representative Imperial Council; G. A. Paul and G. W. Clark, Past Potentates of India Temple, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Divan India Temple, Oklahoma City—E. P. Gallup, Potentate; W. H. P. Trudgeon, Chief Rabban; Fred Bearley, Assistant Rabban; Dr. Edwin De Barr, High Priest and Prophet; L. H. Swan, Oriental Guide; George Spencer, Recorder, and William Barrowman, First Ceremonial Master.

Divan, Bedouin Temple, Muskogee, Okla.—John L. Wisner, Potentate; George N. Wise, Chief Rabban; N. F. Irish, Assistant Rabban; R. S. Cate, High Priest and Prophet; George H. Walker, Oriental Guide, and C. E. Creager, Recorder.

We wish to thank our neighbors, India and Bedouin Temples for their assistance. We were pleased to have them with us. Sorry on account of the weather that we were unable to entertain them better.

AKDAR'S NEXT CEREMONIAL WILL BE IN TULSA EARLY IN MAY—AFTER THE CONSISTORIES' MEETINGS.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL MEETING—ANNOUNCEMENT.

We take great pleasure in announcing to the Nobility of Akdar Temple that complete Caravan arrangements have been made for the pilgrimage to the City of Minneapolis, Minn., on the occasion of the 43rd Annual Session of the Imperial Council of North America, which is to be held June 25th to 28th, 1917.

There will be no finer train entering the City of Minneapolis than the Akdar Special, consisting of steel baggage car, steel club car, steel drawing room sleepers, an observation car and dining cars serving breakfast Kansas City to Omaha and supper Omaha to Sioux City.

Akdar Special will leave Tulsa at 7:30 p. m., June 23rd from the FRISCO station, the FRISCO LINES having been selected as the Initial line, going via Kansas City, Omaha and Sioux City, arriving at Minneapolis at 7:30 a. m., June 25th. Stops will be made at Omaha and Sioux City.

All transportation arrangements will be handled by E. H. Young, Passenger Agent, Frisco Lines, 613 Daniel Bldg. All communications to be addressed to him. Reservations may now be made at his office. The cost of a lower berth will be $5.75, upper berth $4.60, drawing room $21.00. All requests for reservations must be accompanied by deposit in full to cover accommodations reserved. All checks should be made payable to Arthur Farmer, Chairman Transportation Committee. Reservations should be made early as the Shrine has limited the number of passengers on this train to 175.

Railroad fares will be announced as soon as received.

A. C. FARMER,
O. T. DAWSON,
J. Z. ANDERSON,
Transportation Committee.

AGAIN THE "ANCIENT PRAYER."

"We are in receipt of a letter from a brother in Alabama enclosing a chain letter received by him from another brother, and which he says is like several that he is receiving daily. It is the same old 'Ancient Prayer' business, with this difference, that they now call it 'A Masonic Request'—and there could hardly be a greater misnomer. The name of the brother forwarding this 'Masonic Request' edge of such letters, to publish the real names of the brethren who are complacent enough to comply with such a 'Masonic Request.' Brethren all! An excellent rule for every Mason to adopt is, 'Have nothing whatever to do with any sort of chain letter! We have already called attention to this very objectionable practice, and we do so again at the request of brethren who are continually being annoyed by the receipt of such requests."—From the New Age.

This office received fifteen copies of this "Ancient Prayer Business" this week, and find one in the mail this morning. If the Masons knew the origin of this document they would not be so keen to mail it. The copies received by us are promptly filed in the waste basket.

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While this paper has no subscription price, and it is sent gratis to all members of Akdar Temple, and to such other members of the Craft as are entitled to receive the same, within the provisions of the postal laws. We expect, however, one contribution from a Noble at least every two months, oftener if has news that will interest the Nobility.

Those failing to receive any number will please notify us at once.

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We make our money by what we don't tell about people.

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JURISDICTION.

Akdar Temple's Jurisdiction is composed of the following counties:

Tulsa, Grant, Garfield, Kay, Noble, Pawnee, Osage, Creek, Washington, Nowata, Rogers, Ottawa, Wagoner, Logan, Payne and all of Okmulgee County lying north of a line dividing Townships Fourteen and Fifteen and all of Okfuskee County lying North of a line dividing Townships Ten and Eleven.

The regular monthly sessions of Akdar Temple are held in our office, Masonic Temple 518-520 South Main Street, the 2nd Friday of each month at 8 p. m. No other announcements will be made.

The Club Rooms and Offices of Akdar Temple are open during the day. Bring your friends, or meet friends there. Make it your headquarters. All are welcome.

FEES.

The initiation fee for the Order of the Mystic Shrine in Akdar Temple is $75, which includes fez and diploma, and the dues for the current year.

An applicant must hold membership in a Commandery or Consistory. Evidence of good standing must be presented with petition. A receipt for dues will answer.

Twenty-five dollars must accompany each petition.

Blank petitions will be forwarded promptly upon request.

What's the News?
Write and Tell Us What's the News!
Tell Us if You've Got the Blues!
Tell Us Anything You Choose!
Anything From You is NEWS!

ELECTION NOTICE.

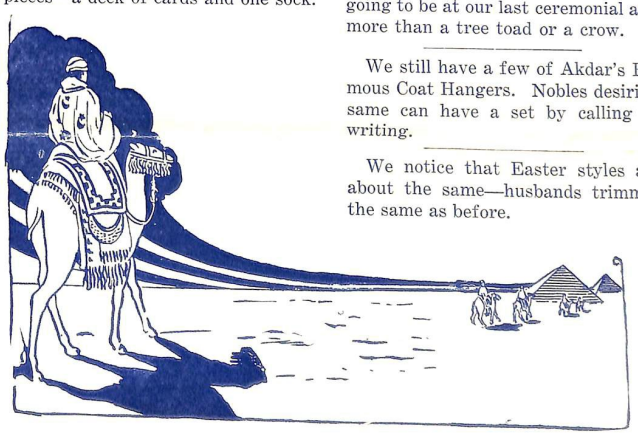
Another vacancy now exists in our Divan. That indefatigable worker, Noble Saml. R. Dye having been advanced from Oriental Guide to High Priest and Prophet at our session in February, has caused the office of Oriental Guide to be unoccupied. A special election will therefore be held for the purpose of filling said vacancy at our regular session on Friday, May 11th, 1917.

The only avowed candidate thus far announced for the office as we go to press is Noble J. Harry Lewis.

A number of Diplomas still remain in the office uncalled for belonging to Tulsa Nobles. (Outside of Tulsa have been mailed.) Please call and get them. The Diplomas of the last class have not yet arrived.

The Arab sketches on the front page of the Christmas and current numbers of AKDAR have met with much favor and are considered very artistic in design. Many Nobles have applied for copies for framing purposes. Others who desire copies will be furnished upon application.

Noble Sol Davis, a suspicious character of our Temple returned from K. C. a few days ago. As he crossed the line a revenue officer searched his bag. The officer found exactly 53 pieces—a deck of cards and one sock.



"That's a fine umbrella you carry, isn't it?"

"Yes," replied Noble Farmer.

"Did you come by it honestly?"

"I haven't quite made it out. It started to rain the other day and I stepped into a doorway to wait until it stopped. Then I saw a young fellow coming along with a nice, large umbrella and I though if he was going as far as my office I would beg to share his shelter. I stepped out and asked, 'Where are you going with that umbrella, young fellow?' *and he dropped* the umbrella and ran."

Our miracle man, P. P. G. E. Williamson, says figures won't lie except female figures and that you can't judge the age of a woman by the date of her birth.

Noble Jones, now in Seattle, writes that he may remain there unless he can get the price of a railroad ticket on his watch.

Noble Harry Stege, Tulsa's former famous detective, writes that he is progressing in law school—says that he can still detect the smell of an onion in a beef stew.

Noble J. E. Hildt says he is ready to enlist, and has applied to the navy—he is willing to start as a deck hand on a sub-marine.

We have a Noble in Akdar who says he has kept statistics on the weather every day for twenty years. It is terrible to think that a Noble can go to all that trouble and was not able to advise us about what the weather was going to be at our last ceremonial any more than a tree toad or a crow.

We still have a few of Akdar's Famous Coat Hangers. Nobles desiring same can have a set by calling or writing.

We notice that Easter styles are about the same—husbands trimmed the same as before.